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First Named Inventor	David Matsuura
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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Number	09/663,250
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First Named Inventor	DANIEL MATSUURA
Examiner Name	DANIEL DAVIS
Art Unit	3731
Attorney Docket No.	015451

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Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)		
1001	750	2001 375	Utility filing fee
1002	330	2002 165	Design filing fee
1003	520	2003 260	Plant filing fee
1004	750	2004 375	Reissue filing fee
1005	160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee
		SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)	

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	-20** =	X =
Independent Claims	-3** =	X =
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Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)		
1202	18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	280	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	84	2204 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

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1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
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RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2002, having a three month shortened period for response which expired on December 20, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In The Claims:

Please cancel the following claims (without prejudice): 16-29 and 39-41

Please amend the claims as follows: